



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, each year more than 36,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with kidney cancer, and more than 100,000 kidney cancer survivors are currently living in the U.S. and Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the exact cause of kidney cancer is unknown; and

WHEREAS, kidney cancer occurs nearly twice as often in men as in women and mostly in men over 40 years old; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimated that last year there will be about 36,160 new cases of kidney cancer (22,490 in men and 13,670 in women) in the United States; and

WHEREAS, other than surgery, the most commonly used treatment for kidney cancer are immunotherapy, radiation, and chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, breakthroughs in research over the last year have given renewed hope to patients who previously had few treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim March 2006 to be

KIDNEY CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this third day of March in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Yursa".

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE